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Deputation of Superintendents and clerks of the Finance Department to Accountant-General's office for special training.

* 812 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Superintendents and clerks in the Finance Department are deputed every year to the Accountant-General's office for special training;

(*b*) whether any of the trained persons are employed in posts which do not require such special training, and if so, how many; and

(*c*) the expenditure per head incurred in giving such training?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No; the second part does not arise.

" (*c*) The average expenditure per head in giving such training works out to about Rs. 2,000."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the clerks from departments other than the Finance Department sent for this training, and if so, what are those departments? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think clerks from any other department are sent for this training."

Sri KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Will the Government be pleased to extend this facility of training to the superintendents and clerks of other departments also? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In the Accountant-General's office training is given with reference to Financial Procedure and the Financial Code. I do not think it will be necessary in respect of other departments."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த பிரத்தியேக டிரெயினிங்குக்கு சென்று வந்திருக்கக்கூடிய சூபரின்டென்டெண்ட், கிளார்க்குகளுக்கு அதிகப்படியான சம்பளம் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No Sir, they are borne on the same cadre."

" Maternity and Child-welfare " services in rural areas.

* 813 *Q.*—Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have instructed the State Government to launch a scheme for nation-wide expansion of " Maternity and Child-welfare " services in rural areas;

(*b*) if so, whether any such maternity and child-welfare centres have been started in this State; and

(*c*) if so, how many?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Government of India have drawn up a scheme of central assistance to the States for opening as large a number of maternity and child-health centres in the rural areas, as possible.

" (*b*) & (*c*) A list of 25 dispensaries in rural areas which are proposed to be developed into maternity and child-health centres under the Government of India scheme has been forwarded to the Government of India and their orders in the matter are awaited."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" May I know the quantum of assistance promised by the Centre and also whether the Government will consider the question of providing suitable training to village guides as maternity assistants so that the need for maternity assistance may be satisfied as early as possible? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Central Government have agreed to meet from their funds the initial non-recurring expenditure on each centre for technical equipment. It is estimated to be Rs. 2,000 for each centre."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Whereas with the assistance of the Central Government, more maternity and child-welfare centres are being opened in our State, is it the policy of the Government to close the already existing maternity and child-welfare centres? To quote a concrete example, one such centre has been closed in Ponvilaindakalathur in Chingleput firka. How do the Madras Government reconcile their position with the advice of the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have 363 centres in the State. What the hon. Member pointed out is a single instance of closure."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" செஞ்சிலுவை சங்கங்கள் மூலமாக பஞ்ச நிவாரணமான இடங்களில் child-welfare centre-களும், maternity centre-களும் நடந்துகொண்டு வந்தது. பணம் இல்லாத காரணத்தால் அவைகள் மூடப்பட்டன. அவைகளை இந்தத் திட்டத்தின்கீழ் கொண்டுவந்து நடத்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசனை செய்வார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Central Government want these centres to be opened in particular areas including the Community Project areas. It is not proposed to spread them over the whole State."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" It is said in the answer that this Government have forwarded to the Government of India a list of twenty-five centres for the opening of maternity and child-welfare centres. May I know the places where they are to be located? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are in about four or five districts among which Malabar is one."

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SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Does the assistance given by the Central Government cover the cost of training maternity assistants? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No."

SRI V. MUTHU :—" மதுரை ஜில்லாவில் உசலம்பட்டி கிராமத்தில் கவர்ன்மெண்ட் ஆஸ்பத்திரி ஒன்று இருக்கிறது. அதில் மெடர்னிடி வார்ட் ஒன்று பொதுஜனங்களுடைய நன்கொடையால் கட்டப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அது கட்டி ஆறு மாதமாகியும் இதுவரை திறக்கப்படவில்லை. அதை விரைவில் திறப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This is a separate question altogether."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it a fact that the maternity centre which was closed recently was opened by the very Minister for Health some one year back and the function was presided over by Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, a prominent Member of the Congress Party in this Assembly? What are the valid reasons that the Minister can adduce for closing down the centre and what are the steps that the Government are taking to persuade the district board authorities to revive the centre? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I was responsible for opening it. The hon. Gentleman sitting opposite (Sri K. Vinayakam) must have been responsible for seeing it closed."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Does the Hon. Minister know that the District Medical Officer was present at the meeting and that he did not recommend the opening of the centre subsequently? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I am not aware of it. It may be correct."

National Extension Scheme for Malabar.

* 814 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the areas in which National Extension Scheme is working in Malabar; and

(*b*) what are the schemes included therein?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) (1) Tellicherry Block comprising Tellicherry, Kuthuparamba and Mattanur firkas.

(2) Payyanur Block comprising Madayi and Payyanur firkas.

" (*b*) The schemes aim at an integrated treatment of rural life and problems designed to increase food production, improve communications and marketing, tackle disease and illiteracy and train villagers in handicrafts essential to village life."